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In re patent application of:

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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
AND COMMUNICATION METHOD
FOR DATA MULTIPLEXING

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 8, 2004

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Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office action of January 8, 2004, please amend the
above referenced application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the
following remarks.